There are other stipulations regarding advertisements, maintenance of records, submission of returns to Reserve Bank etc. The Directions are intended to protect the interests of the depositors.

Jaipur-Jabalpur National Highway

3795 SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which Jaipur- Jabalpur Highway was declared as National Highway No. 12;

(b) the total expenditure incurred on repairs of foot-paths and bridges on this Highway in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh from the date of its declaration as National Highway to October, 1991;

(c) the time by which it is likely to be completed·

(d) whether the funds allocated for this National Highway during the last three years were vary meager; and

(e) if so, whether the Government propose to release more funds for it during the next financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) The road from Jabalpur to Biaora was declared as National Highway No. 12 on 4-5-1960. This National Highway was extend from Biaora to Jaipur on 17-12-1981.

(b) and (c). The footpaths, if required, on National Highways are provided in the sections passing through urban area only. Maintenance of such urban links is the responsibility of the respective State Governments/Local Bodies. The Central Government however, provides a fixed sum on per kilometer basis for maintenance of urban links. The maintenance and repair of Bridges is carried out from normal Maintenance and Repair Grants released to States. Since declaration of this road as National Highway, 21 works amounting to Rs. 47.15 lakhs for urgent repair of Bridges have been sanctioned. All these works have been completed.

(d) and (e). The allocation of funds depends upon a number of factors like traffic intensity, inter-sepriority on All India basis and availability of funds. This National Highway is being kept generally in traffic worthy condition within the overall distribution of funds.

[*English*]

Crash of MIG Aircraft

3796. SHRI GURDAS KAMAT :Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a MIG Aircraft of Indian Air Force crashed on November 20, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of persons killed in the crash ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A MIG-29 trainer aircraft crashed during a low level training flight.

(c) Two persons (both pilots) were killed in the crash.

Statutory Powers to SEBI

3797. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose

to give full statutory powers to the Securities and Exchange Board of India to effectively regulate, promote and monitor the working of the Stock Exchanges;

(b) if so , the details thereof ; and

(c) the time by which the legislation is likely to be enacted in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) to (c). A proposal for giving statutory powers to the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is under consideration.

World Bank Assistance for Mega Projects

3798. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has decided not to extend any financial assistance to mega projects like big dams and large power plants in India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the impact of this decision on the future of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Robbery in Public Sector Banks in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir

3799. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of robberies/ dacoities in public sector banks in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir during the last three months; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the security of the bank employees in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) As per available information, there have been 3 incidents of robbery/ dacoity in public sector banks in the state of Punjab during the months of September, October and November,1991. No incident of robbery/dacoity has been reported during this period in Jammu & Kashmir.

(b) Government of India has reviewed the situation and the State Governments have intensified the security arrangements for banks.

[*Translation*]

Joint Venture Units Aboard

3801. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Indian Joint Venture Units Abroad;

(b) whether some of these units are not operational ;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the places where such units are located ; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to make these joint venture units operational ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) As on 30 th Nov., 1991 there were 232 joint venture units